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Stalin Issue Called Trojan Corpse by Allen W. Dulles



SPEAKER—Allen W. Dulles, right, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, gives World Affairs Council talk. Paul G. Hoffman, left, introduced him.

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Chief of CIA Talks to World Affairs Council

"A dead and dishonored Stalin is likely to be merely a device—possibly a Trojan corpse rather than a Trojan horse—with which the long-suffering Russian people are, I fear, to be deceived in their expectation of a freer and better life."

Such was a theory on the present purge of Stalinism presented by Allen W. Dulles, director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, in an address before 600 members and guests of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council at the Statler last night.

"Internationally and domestically the Soviet leaders have been caught in a dilemma," Dulles declared.

Stalin Worship

He traced the real reasons for the de-Stalinization campaign to the hard autocratic period during the last seven years of Stalin's life. The two motivations for cutting away from Stalin worship as seen by Dulles, were:

"Stalin's often heliocentric policy in the international field had been a failure from 1947 to his death and had tended to unite the free world against international Communism."

"Domestically, during that period, his police state was meeting ever-increasing disfavor, not only with the help- less people but with the top politicians, generals and industrial managers who were essential to the working of the Soviet system."

Past Soviet Sins

Dulles said the new leaders are trying to meet their external and internal dilemmas by finding a convenient devil which they can use to explain away past Soviet sins to the world abroad and to their own people as well as to demonstrate that the present rulers are different mentally and morally than they were under Stalin.

"The extent of the opposition to the Stalinist-type regime must have been gauged by the Kremlin as far stronger and deeper among the Russian people than we had dared to hope," Dulles asserted.

"By attacking the personal symbol of Stalin," he continued, "and the worst excesses of his rule, they hope to be able to preserve many of the essentials of the Stalinist system, now labeling it Leninism. They will keep in effect the monopoly of all power by a single party, the complete subordination of the courts and individual rights to arbitrary party decree, the government control of the press and all organs of public information."

Walking Tightrope

"The leaders of the Soviet Union today are walking a dangerous tightrope. They are trying to discredit Stalin without discrediting the Communist Party, which he led so long, or the men who worked with him."

In a press conference before his address Dulles related that he does not feel that Russia is contemplating or desirous of a major war in the near future. "They have been boasting openly that they now hope to move forward by popular-front governments and take over by peaceful means."

Dulles, 63, younger brother of the Secretary of State, has headed the government's superintelligence agency since 1953. He has been in the diplomatic service since 1916. Dulles came to Los Angeles from Washington especially to deliver last night's speech and is scheduled to leave this morning for San Francisco and the nation's capital.

The speaker was introduced by Paul G. Hoffman, industrialist.

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